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FROM EUROPE.

Latest Despatches by Ocean Telegraph.

Italian Vessels Ordered to Turkish Waters.

The Pope Refuses to Entertain Propositions from Italy.

Sailing of Surratt for the United States.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Object of Secretary McCulloch's Visit to New York.

Dr. Mudd, the Conspirator, to Have a Civil Trial.

FROM MEXICO.

A General Insurrection at Matamoras.

General Escobedo Put to Death by Canales.

TERRIBLE CONFLAGRATION AT VICKSBURG.

Twelve Lives Lost and One Hundred Buildings Burned.

Loss Estimated at Two Millions of Dollars.

FROM CANADA.

Two More of the Fenian Prisoners Discharged.

Grand Banquet to the Congressional Excursionists at Nashville.

Gold Closed in New York at 133 1-4.

FROM EUROPE.

BY OCEAN TELEGRAPH.

PARIS, December 22.

A portion of the Italian fleet has been ordered to Candia, in Turkish waters, and other vessels which are soon to be issued, regarding the inducements to be made on the Turkish Government, for the ceding of Candia in the case of the steamer St. Thomas.

ROME, December 22.

Little disposition is shown by the Roman Government to accept the proposition made by the Italian Government, and His Holiness is said to have recalled Napoleon's troops from the Italian plain.

SAILING OF SURRATT FOR THE UNITED STATES.

MALTA, December 21.

The American Consul here has received the news that the Attorney General has ordered Surratt to Alexandria to-day for the United States with safe rail on board.

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 24.

Business is at a total stand-still in consequence of the Christmas holidays. The Bank of England, and most of the prominent mercantile houses are closed until Wednesday.

LIVERPOOL, December 24—9 A. M.

Nothing has been done in the cotton market to-day, and the sales are suspended at Manchester, Birmingham and other commercial centres.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Despatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, December 24.

BANKER DENIED TO RELEASE DR. MUDD.

It is publicly stated to-day that Judge Underwood, of the Supreme Court, will render a decision in the matter of the application for a writ of habeas corpus in favor of Dr. Mudd, to-morrow morning, at the Dry Tortugas, and will grant the writ bringing the prisoner before the court for trial. It is supposed that similar writs will be sent in the case of Spangler, Arnold and O'Laughlin. While Republicans generally express disappointed at the result of the late trials in the Supreme Court, they are certain that a new trial in these cases will not fail to result in the most emphatic condemnation of the assassination. Even strong Johnson men declare themselves very sorry that this question, and that of the test oath, should have come up so soon for decision by the Supreme Court, and they admit that a sitting aside of the test oath would change the whole aspect of the reconstruction question.

"BREAD AND BUTTER." SANDALS'S CHRISTMAS GREETING.

The following is Postmaster General Randall's Christmas greeting to the persons and communities named. These letters were written in his own hand:

To Rev. Dr. Clark City, Monroe County, C. Bowers, 1st Lieut. J. C. Clark; Cooperville, Ottawa County, S. Bowers, 1st Lieut. W. D. Wilson, removed; Ogden Falls, Kent, Lieutenant Ogden Falls, Kent, Lieutenant County, D. F. Barfield, vice H. Gibson, resigned; Millington, Tuscola County, T. Atwood, vice D. B. Black, resigned; Flint, Genesee County, J. Chevalier, vice G. Bailey, resigned; Centreville, Ottawa County, E. Gibbs, vice W. D. Kirby, resigned; Pontiac, Oakland County, to Hon. F. Hawley, vice J. W. Whallon, resigned; Ore Hill, Marquette County, to Hon. Peter White; Bardell, resigned; Perrinsville, Wayne County, T. C. Tillotz, vice O. S. Straight, resigned.

Gen. Clay Jennings, Hamilton County, J. Butler, vice J. Dowling, resigned; Bloom, Wood County, R. F. Emerson, vice J. D. Benson, resigned; Bloomdale, Wood County, A. C. Kent, vice R. French, resigned; Havana, Huron County, J. L. Rosson vice S. M. Owen, resigned; Orrville, Anglaize County, W. Barber, vice R. G. Layton, removed; Townsend, Sandusky County, C. Lyon, vice W. R. Monger, deceased; Winter Station, Sandusky County, T. H. Burkhart, vice F. Angell, removed; Malvern, Carroll County, P. Parker, vice W. P. Speatz, declined; Jefferson, Ashtabula County, G. L. Burkwell, vice A. Warren, resigned; Rockford, Mercer County, to Hon. E. S. Whitney, resigned; Bowlesville, Clark County, C. M. Schneider, vice A. Yeazel, moved away; Brush Run, Jefferson County, J. Linn, Esq., vice M. Hays, resigned; Sardis, Monroe County, M. Brandon, vice R. D. Trimble, resigned; Tully, Van Wert County, Indiana, vice J. Feltz, resigned; Avon, Noble County, N. G. Wallar, vice B. Anderson, resigned.

Wilkinson—Wausoma, Waukesa County, J. D. Luckesby, vice A. D. McIntyre; West Milton, Rock County, to Hon. S. S. Bailey; Johnstown, Rock County, to Hon. Wesley Jones; Coatsville, Rock County, J. M. Cooley, resigned; Coatsville, Rock County, C. W. Bennett, vice J. Bailey; Janesville, Rock County, J. S. Wiley, vice Mrs. L. M. Weeks, resigned; West Bend, Washington County, W. Jaeck, vice J. Potter, Jr., Ingles County, Virginia, Vernon County, S. C. Lincoln, vice T. Purdy, resigned; Crawford, Crawford County, L. Purcel, vice S. Coley, resigned; Gazelle, Crawford County, J. Chadwick, vice C. G. Harris, resigned; New Lisbon, La Crosse County, D. M. Teenstra, vice A. Spangler, left the place; Alden's Corners, Dane County, P. Chevel, vice A. Bailey, resigned; Cagwin Post Office, Sauk County, Mrs. H. J. Johnston, vice A. J. Austin, resigned.

Jackson—Lilly Dale, Perry County, W. Cope, vice E. C. Fleming, resigned; West Buena Vista, Orleon County, J. Hastings, vice J. Shadwick, resigned; Bagleyville, Daviess County, A. Bingle, vice W. Webster, resigned; Oakland City, Gibson County, A. Kent, vice J. B. Johnson, resigned; Mud Lick, Jefferson County, Mrs. R. Durber, vice W. Kelly, resigned; Little River, Allen County, D. Bennett, vice J. P. Dale, resigned; Jeanville, Burkhimer County, F. W. Noland, vice W. Wilson, resigned; Bradford, Harrison County, B. H. Rizer, vice Mrs. A. King, resigned; Foster's Ridge, Perry County, W. Foster, vice J. Foster, resigned.

Alfred—Annapolis, Henry County, M. M. Leach, vice J. F. Fraser, resigned; Bond's Point, Cherokee County, N. Bell, vice T. Jones, resigned; Bristol, Kendall County, H. T. Beely, vice T. L. Seely, resigned; Carrico Mills, Rock Island County, T. B. Kerr, vice J. S. Medler, resigned; Hillsdale, Franklin County, A. Rice, vice N. B. Baxter, resigned; Dongola, Union County, W. W. Palmer, vice E. Barnsworth, resigned; Roanoke, Woodward County, O. S. Cobley, vice Hill, resigned; Rossville, Perry County, Perry, vice E. P. Clark, resigned; Canton, Williamson County, S. Cover, vice W. J. Cornwell, resigned; Preston, Lafayette County, J. Wright, vice J. Bennett, declined; Schuylerville, Cook County, J. R. Hoffman, vice D. Hill, declined; Pine Bluff, Lasalle County, E. H. Bartlett, vice E. Bartlett, called to the bench; Clay City, Clay County, R. E. Duff, vice J. G. McSolsley, deceased.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED BY LAW.

It is understood that Mr. Johnson has appointed quite a number of civilians to serve on juries in the cases under the law provision that they shall be filled by reputable citizens. There is much feeling on the subject.

THE GOVERNMENTS

Stand very nearly as follows:

THE GOVERNMENTS,

with few exceptions, are absent.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

A clear, warm night, and active preparations for to-morrow, portends a merry Christmas.

THE SUMNER GOVERNMENT FORCE.

The Republican, referring to Governor Lyon, of Idaho, dismissed by a Sumner Cabinet, says it is a matter of publicity that the Governmental has at present a Governor, Secretary, Chief Justice and Assistant Justices of Indian Affairs of Idaho, who have never been confirmed by the Senate, and that he will have to pay the Government their salaries, or wait in the Arctic regions.

COMMISSIONER REVENUE.

A strong movement is on foot to induce Hon. Edward A. Rollins, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, to be a candidate for Governor of New Hampshire. Congress will legislate him out.

Efforts will be made by representatives of the Republican party in Congress to secure a repeal of the provision of the Internal Revenue law which requires persons before changing the Governmental tax on gas to consult the Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

BALTIMORE ELECTRIC TROUBLES.

It is understood that the Police Commissioners have not yet, since their appointment by the Governor, had any meeting, and consequently the Police Board of Baltimore, consisting of the Police Commissioners and Mayor, is still in existence.

REPORT OF MR. WOLLCOTT'S TRIP TO NEW YORK.

Mr. Wollcott's report of his trip to New York, especially that part which relates to the subject of Sumner's visit to that city, is the subject of Sumner's visit to that city, is the subject of Sumner's visit to that city, is

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CHRISTMAS.

In all the blessed communications from Heaven to men there was none so full of promise, and followed by such glorious fruition, as that the angels proclaiming to the shepherds the "good tidings of great joy" at the birth of the Messiah, the nativity of the Savior. For that announcement prophets and patriarchs had signed, and closed their eyes in sorrow that it was not to be in their day. And because the auspicious coming of good was a thing men were reserved for future generations, the To-day (the Christian) world puts on its holiday garb, and exults in the birth of the Redeemer. To-day the Christian world sings the praises of the Infant God-man, and from grateful hearts pours out its thanks for his benefactions.

The life of Christ was one long act of charity and mercy; but no period of it so awakens in the human heart these emotions of gratitude to Him, and good will to fellow-creatures as the festival of His nativity. It has been from time immemorial the season, of festival joys; the season when, by the precious of the Babe at Bethlehem, human pride, human selfishness, should be humbled, and mankind do whatsoever He was born should feel and recognize the unity of the human family, and their equality in the mercy and the love of God. It is the festival of all others when the child and the parent are drawn to each other by the memory of the Divine Incarnation, and feel that he is to be a child no longer, but a member of a family having the same origin, protected and preserved through life by the same mercy, redeemed by the same Savior, and destined hereafter to the same eternity.

It is the day when the poor have an advocate in the Child in the manger. Those that hunger and thirst and are naked have in Him a representative in the human form of the hungry, of clothing the naked, to minister unto the wants of the poor, is but to imitate the things who carried their presents to the new-born Child. Those whom "there was no room in the inn." To-day, while the world rejoices and is singing the praises of Christ, it is but a duty to seek out the suffering poor; to give them liberally; to kindle a fire upon their cold hearths; to put food upon their tables; where there is none; to give clothing to the limbs now suffering with cold; to give comfort to the sick—in short, to relieve and succor distress and affliction in whatever form it may exist, that those who will go yourselves may rejoice in the "glad tidings," and realize that the glorious promise of good will among men has not failed.

Chicago has much to be grateful for: her general prosperity, her great progress in wealth and in all things that make up a great and happy community. But, this season, Chicago has an additional cause to be grateful, in the exemption she has enjoyed from the direful pestilence which has been so terribly in other places. Christians in all appropriate season for a practical exhibition of this gratitude. There are families of the poor from whom the fatal pestilence has taken the strong arms which kept them from poverty. Into the stricken hearts of the survivors, let those who have been spared pour consolation, and make that consolation abounding by substantial provision against physical want and suffering, and thus make ill participants in the joy and happiness of the festival.

This is peculiarly a season for joy. The old and the young alike share in its happiness. There should be no sorrowful face at this festival board to-day. Let joy be unrestrained; let happiness be universal, that the world may rejoice in the nativity of the world's Redeemer—the Savior of mankind.

DON PEDRO AND EMANCIPATION.

The statement is made that the Emperor of Brazil has emancipated all his slaves, leads to the hope that at no distant day he will turn his attention to the subject of emancipating throughout the Empire. The example of the United States and Russia may well inspire him with the high ambition of connecting his name with an event that will rescue his country from the foul blot, and place it side by side with that of Lincoln and Alexander, as one of the great benefactors of the human race. The extent of territory which Brazil in the third country in the world, being exceeded only by China and Russia. The slaves, at the time of the consus of 1856, number over two and a half millions, or about one-third of the entire population, which was less than eight millions. Excluding five hundred thousand native Indians it is stated that still a little more than one-half of the population, slavery is not only a wide-spread but a very active institution. It is stated that with a soil and climate so nearly equal numerically, of the free

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THE CITY.

Monroe—At the regular stated communication of this Chapter, this evening, at 7 o'clock, the following officers will be elected for the ensuing year: Companion Wm. Bross, M. E. H. P.; Companion Wm. Hamilton, E. K.; Companion Wm. Stuart, E. S.; Companion Wm. Bross, Treasurer; Companion Wm. Hamilton, P. S.; Companion Wm. Stuart, R. A. C.; Companion Wm. Bross, Jr., Secretary.

The Hancock Prizes have now been in use in the Fort for fifteen years, and have given rise to much interest in rifle practice. We believe that every one of those that contend, which is really worthy of the name of a rifle, is fitted with sights of the pattern that obtained the prizes. We understand that the Secretary of War has ordered the sights to be removed from the rifles of the soldiers at the Fort, and substituted by the old sights of a pattern fully condemned by the experience of fifteen years.

Brother Sweney's Report—This very worthy benefactor was, on yesterday last, made richer by the sum of fifty-five thousands of a subscription paper amongst the members of Dr. Evans' church. The late Rev. Poorly was one of the benevolent of the earth, and if it be allowed to leave a legacy of virtue, it will be the example of Brother Sweney, who has so nobly carried out the intentions of the deceased. Brother Sweney is now in the act of selling for the benefit of the deserving poor of the city, a Fifty-pound baby blood of the corporal kine given him by Farmer Jones.

Banquet of Ovidians.—H. W. Blanchar Lodge, No. 58, A. F. & A. M., of a meeting held at their hall on Friday evening, Dec. 21, 1866, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Wm. Phillips, W. M.; Wm. Talbot, S. W.; F. J. Spofford, J. W.; Wm. Talbot, Treasurer; Wm. F. Hall, Secretary; Wm. Phillips, Wm. Talbot, Jr., Secretary; George Thayer, S. D.; Charles F. Rowe, J. D.; Robert Hall, S. S.; Wm. Talbot, Jr., J. S.; James Stewart; John F. Poole, Tyler.

The Zeta Sewing Machine, now on exhibition at Messrs. Hannigan Brothers, is said to be one of the best and cheapest machines of the kind now in use. Its various claims that it is "light as it is strong, easy to understand, and that in using less power than that of any other first-class machine, it will do more and better work," are said to be fully borne out by the machine itself. It is also said to be the only machine that will not tip in less than a minute, and that will not tip in less than a minute, and that will not tip in less than a minute, and